

among many other experiences. In all instances, she has emphasized character building, skill development and preparation for the future.

Despite her many accomplishments and her tireless agenda, she has always found time to be a devoted wife, a loving mother, a dedicated daughter and a dutiful member of her church. While balancing many responsibilities, she has never neglected to balance her priorities—those things most important in life—family, friends, neighbors, community and church.

Those who are charged with the education, growth and development of our young people must be among the best, the brightest, the most honorable. They must love what they do and conduct themselves with the highest standards and with impeccable integrity. Mrs. Dale Strayhorn meets and exceeds all of those qualities.

While she has assumed the role of Principal at Rochelle, above all, she is a teacher, one who guides, instructs and paints a path for others to follow. She deserves our praise and adulation.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the University of Rochester Medical Center.

From quality, compassionate patient care to cutting-edge research to individualized student education, the University of Rochester Medical Center has earned a nationwide reputation for excellence. Since its founding by Dean George Hoyt Whipple, the School of Dentistry and Medicine has produced some of our country's most skilled doctors and researchers, whose commitment to the art of healing has made a real difference in the lives of countless people and families.

To continue their tradition of excellence and prominence, the University of Rochester Medical Center will today mark the investiture of three deans, who will build on the center's successes heading into its second 75 years of service. They are Patricia Chiverton, Ed.D., R.N., EN.A.P., third dean of the School of Nursing; Deborah Cory-Slechta, Ph.D., first dean of Research of the School of Medicine and Dentistry and Director of the Aab Institute of Biomedical Sciences; and Edward Hundert, M.D., as the eighth dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this House of Representatives join me in saluting the achievements of the University of Rochester Medical Center on the occasion of their 75 Anniversary, and that this Congress join with me in wishing continued success upon the celebration of the investiture of Deans Hundert, Cory-Slechta and Chiverton.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3044, VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 6, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, there have been many members who have supported my efforts to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. One such member, Representative LLOYD DOGGETT, spoke in support of this legislation and also sought to become a cosponsor of this act. Unfortunately, a communication error in the clerk's office precluded him from being added as an official cosponsor. I would like to thank Mr. DOGGETT for his efforts in support and cosponsorship of this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to my duties at the presidential debate last night, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 526, on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2415 to enhance Security of United States missions and personnel overseas, I would have voted "yea;" Rollcall vote 525, on agreeing to the Conference Report for the Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations, I would have voted "nay;" and Rollcall vote 524, on ordering the Previous Question to waive points of order against the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2415 to enhance Security of United States missions and personnel overseas, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF MRS. FARAH M. WALTERS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mrs. Farah M. Walters who has been awarded the title of "Woman of Achievement" for her outstanding work in the field of health services.

Farah M. Walters has led a remarkable 32 year career in the health care industry. Her commitment to the well-being of the community is an example to us all. She has received due recognition for her remarkable public service. In June 2000, Mrs. Walters was awarded the March of Dimes Golden Mile Award for her leadership and dedication to saving babies. In addition to local community service, she was appointed to Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton's National Health Care Reform Task Force. Later that year, "Modern Healthcare" selected her as one of 50 individuals to shape future development of American health care. She

has demonstrated commendable dedication to all aspects of the health care field.

In her career, Mrs. Walters has undertaken positions of great responsibility. As president and chief executive officer of University Hospitals Health System and University Hospitals of Cleveland, she presides over a system that includes more than 15,000 employees, working in over 100 health service locations in 55 Northeast Ohio communities. While under Farah Walters' leadership, University Hospitals of Cleveland received the Exemplary Voluntary Effort (EVE) Award from the U.S. Department of Labor. This continuing commitment to one of the most important areas of public service deserves to be rewarded with due recognition and respect.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me today in honoring Mrs. Farah M. Walters whose outstanding community-based work has earned her the distinguished accolade, "Woman of Achievement."

THE ENVIRONMENT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, for me, three key issues that we must as a community and a nation address are environmental justice, sprawl and livability, and the need to protect California's and the country's ecosystems.

All three of these issues are linked to a crucial concern that is very much on Americans' minds right now: energy.

Rising oil prices and falling home fuel oil supplies both point out one clear, absolute fact: fossil fuels represent a limited and gradually disappearing resource.

We need to address this problem today.

The answer to our oil problem does not lie in pillaging the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a precious, fragile, and unique ecosystem.

It does not lie in keeping current lax standards for gas mileage.

It does not lie in denying the basic fact that our planet is growing warmer and that the burning of fossil fuels is a significant factor in global warming.

It does not lie in polluting our soil, our water, our air, and our children with toxins.

The answers have to lie in conservation and innovation.

One answer is to raise the corporate average fuel economy standards across the board: Detroit can build more efficient cars; we need to increase the incentives to buy them and increase the disincentives to use gasoline wastefully.

California is leading the way in promoting greater fuel efficiency and searching for alternative energy technologies.

We need to work toward fuel cells, hybrid cars, and other alternative technologies.

We need to invest in mass transit. It will cost money but the dividends in reduced pollution, increased conservation, and reduced sprawl will be far greater than the initial price tags.

And we need to undertake these efforts today.

Our environment depends on it and in the long run so does our economy.